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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2115  
Thomas Bolt )  
Serial No.: 10/071,860 ) Examiner: Butler, Dennis  
Filed: Feb. 08, 2002 )  
For: Method and apparatus for attaching ) Preliminary Amendment  
more than two disk devices to an ) Submission with RCE in response  
IDE bus ) to Final Action of July 5, 2005

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Preliminary Amendment / Submission for RCE

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Action of July 5, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application, by filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), fee for RCE and this preliminary amendment . Entry of the amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. No new matter has been added. The undersigned has been authorized to respond to the Office Action. An check in the amount of \$790 for the RCE fee is included. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 502566 for any deficiencies or other fees required for this filing.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.